

'Couples not in Histadrut denied gov't housing funds'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Member Boaz Moav (Ya'ad) will file an application with the High Court of Justice next week on behalf of young couples denied Treasury-founded housing loans on easy terms because they don't belong to the Histadrut.

Broker gets 3 years for fraud

EL AVIV. — An apartment broker, convicted of defrauding clients of more than IL200,000, was sentenced three years in prison by the District court here yesterday.

The court found Arye Pikarsky, guilty on 10 counts of fraud and forgery of cheques. Pikarsky, who had been employed by Tony Apartments, had rented the business two years ago. He ran it by claiming to represent various contractors and collecting deposits from clients — which he then pocketed.

During the two years he accumulated more than IL500,000 in his bank account; but the police found only IL16,000 in it when they arrested him, and he applied to the court to declare him bankrupt. (Ithm)

Almogi leaving City Hall today, staying in Knesset

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AIFA. — Mayor Almogi, who has left his new office as chairman of the World Zionist Executive in morning, will vacate the mayor's chair and resign from the City Council this afternoon, but will stay on in his Knesset seat. He has, however, given up his membership in the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, he told a farewell press conference at City Hall yesterday.

This evening Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Zeisel will be voted in as mayor by Haifa's wall-to-wall coalition. The post Zeisel is vacating will be filled by Labour faction leader Yosef Blustein, retired regional manager of the Electric Corporation, who is 65.

Almogi, asked yesterday what he had achieved in the half term he served as mayor, said he had laid a administrative basis for a new municipal structure which could turn Haifa "into a modern city," he praised the council factions for cooperation they had given him during his tenure.

"I have made a very modest, but promising, beginning on the city's economic development," Almogi said. We now have projects ready for every investor interested in them. That did not exist before I came to City Hall two years ago."

pendent on Treasury subsidies — such as Kupa Holmi. He said no citizen could be denied Treasury aid for housing in a discriminatory manner if his claim (based on the points system for young couples) was equally based.

Arbel's reply to Moav was that, without the new joint fund, non-Histadrut couples would not be better off either.

Moav wrote to Housing Minister Avraham Ofer with a similar complaint about discrimination among young couples. Ofer replied that his ministry would gladly set up a similar loan fund with any other public body.

The Ya'ad MK already has seven couples, out of several dozen who sought his help, who authorized him to take the issue to the High Court. He told The Jerusalem Post that the joint loan fund spelled a return to pre-State days, when Jews who did not belong to a political party found it much harder to find jobs and housing.

Ernie Meyer adds: In an overall review of the country's housing problems, Housing Minister Ofer told a gathering of social workers in Jerusalem yesterday that some 20,000 families still live in homes that are overcrowded (more than three persons per room) and structurally substandard.

But he maintained that Israelis on the whole were better housed than the populations of many western countries.

As to young couples, the minister said 99 per cent of them were eligible for either rental or purchase flats.

"Housing for immigrants is no longer a problem, although we can-

not always offer them a flat in the exact location they want," he said. Describing the difficulties of moving slum dwellers to new quarters, Ofer said, "If we offer them IL100,000 for their property, they want IL150,000; if we offer IL500,000, they want IL750,000."

Many people enjoy the advantages of living at "unknown" shulm addresses, where bills for TV licences, city taxes and other services do not seem to reach them, he added.

If the shulm dweller is also a welfare recipient, it is very hard to move him to a new location — because most local authorities don't want him. Ofer said. The answer to this dilemma is that we must find a housing solution for him in his old location," he added.

Ofer complained bitterly about the news media, which he said only publicize protests and strikes over housing. He described the vicious circle which development towns create when they highlight their difficulties — and what they consider to be the shortcomings of the Housing Ministry — in the press.

He later said that they have only succeeded in creating a negative image for themselves which will not help them attract new residents.

"It does not take any 'Tzitzit' (pioneering spirit) to buy a flat in Beit Shemesh or in Mitzpe Ramon, it just takes plain common sense," he said. Good and reasonably priced housing is available in many smaller centres, if people would only recognize the opportunity.

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, who is chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Social Betterment, said he favoured the idea of setting up a separate Ministry for Social Betterment.

Lilienblum finds money too hot

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Where better men have failed, the thieves who stole the safe from the Jaffa police headquarters have succeeded in closing down Lilienblum Street.

One black money dealer told The Jerusalem Post that trade had come to a near standstill due to fears among traders that they might be handing some of the "hot" \$200,000 stolen earlier in the week from the police station.

While there have been no raids in the area, plainclothesmen have been quietly making the rounds in Lilienblum to check if any of the stolen money, dollars or pound notes, has surfaced there. Sources refused to confirm or deny reports that the police have circulated a list of the serial numbers of the stolen dollars to dealers.

The police spokesman yesterday confirmed that staff at the Jaffa police headquarters have undergone lie detector tests. How many individuals have so far been tested was not disclosed.

(About 200 persons work in the Jaffa headquarters.)

Rumours that the safe contained extremely important documents pertinent to current police investigations were denied by the police spokesman. The safe only contained foreign and local currency that had been seized and was to be used in trials, he said.

Some of the money was counterfeit. There is the possibility that it may have been intended to form the basis of proceedings against a graphic artist and two Herzliya residents arrested in December on charges of counterfeiting, and of an Israeli citizen held the same month upon his return from Germany, who is also suspected of membership in an international currency ring.

The police intelligence network has been put into high gear to obtain evidence about the theft, the thieves, or the missing safe. Police are reportedly combing orchards, fields, and beaches to find the safe or the money.

'Slain couple wasn't beaten'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police yesterday denied reports in an evening paper that Rehov Lilienblum money changers Esther and Mordechai Yamanik had been beaten before they were shot to death last week.

A police official said there were contusions and bruises on Yamanik's face, but these could have been incurred when he was pushed out of a car. The police similarly denied reports that they had a picture of the killer of the Yamaniks in their files, saying that any institution with photographs of Lilienblum Street might have a picture of the killer.

The bullet-ridden bodies of Yamanik, 67, and his 60-year-old wife were found about 20 km. apart in the Tel Aviv area — Yamanik with about IL2,000 in his pockets and his wife with \$10,000 hidden in her underwear. No arrests have been made so far in the case.

Dayan's paper named 'Today'

The daily newspaper to be under the editorship of Moshe Dayan is to be called "Hayom Hazeh" ("Today"). This emerges from press advertisements Tuesday inviting applicants to work on the Hebrew-language paper, described in the advert as "Zionist and Independent."



Meir libel suit to be heard today

NEW YORK. — Golda Meir has withdrawn her \$3m. libel action against "Commentary" magazine and its publisher, the American Jewish Congress; but her proceedings against the author, Soviet exile Lev Navrosov, will continue in New York county court today.

Defence attorneys said on Tuesday that withdrawal of the suit against the two defendants would follow publication of a statement by the AJC in "Commentary" which regretted any distress suffered by Meir through publication of Navrosov's article.

Navrosov, who is acting as his own attorney in the lawsuit, said Meir's counsel offered to withdraw the suit against him as well if he withdrew his formal answer to her complaint, in which he asked that seven documents in the file of the Israeli Foreign Ministry be subpoenaed to prove his charges.

The Russian author alleged in the "Commentary" article that Meir, when Israeli Ambassador in Moscow, had been duped by the Russians into supplying a list of Soviet Jews volunteering for the Israeli army, who later were arrested and some executed by Stalin.

The court today will hear Meir's motion to strike Navrosov's reply from the records. Navrosov said no reply had been received from the Foreign Ministry to the request sent on November 26 for the seven documents. (UPI)

Avneri demands to see suspect's medical records

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Health Minister Victor Shemtov has ordered an investigation into the release from a psychiatric hospital in 1974 of Eli Galili (27), the suspected assailant of "Ha'olam Hazeh" editor Uri Avneri.

Galili, who is suspected of having attacked former MK Avneri in front of his house four weeks ago, made a similar attempt on Avneri's life nearly two years ago. The man was subsequently hospitalized for psychiatric treatment, but later discharged. After his recent arrest, Galili was hospitalized for observation at the Abarbanel Hospital in Bat Yam.

After being denied the right to examine Galili's medical records, Avneri filed a formal complaint with the Minister of Health. Avneri claims that since Galili's medical history is being used as part of his defence, he also has the right to see the material.

WORKS BY Friedrich Hundertwasser, the contemporary Viennese primitivist, begin a month's showing today at the Tel Aviv Museum. The show, which is under the patronage of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, comes to Tel Aviv from Cairo.

HISTADRUT MEMBERS who do not pay their back dues within a fortnight will be charged for them according to the new rates — which average 25 per cent higher — the labour federation warned yesterday.

THREE ARMS COACHES and ammunition in large quantities, dating back to the War of Independence, were found by a security officer at a kibbutz near Hadera, in the course of renovation of a bomb shelter.

MAYOR OF SYDNEY: Central government to blame for Tel Aviv's financial troubles

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv appears to share the fate of many of the greatest cities in the world which are currently in financial straits. One of the reasons for this, in the opinion of Leo Port, Lord Mayor of Sydney, is that central governments do little or nothing to alleviate the social welfare problems of the cities.

He has no doubts the financing of social welfare is properly a central-government concern, since more "disadvantaged" members of society are streaming into the large towns; not only in quest of work, but because they know that residence in a metropolitan area will entitle them to social benefits they cannot hope to receive in small towns or villages.

The mayor pointed to New York and Tokyo as outstanding examples of rich cities whose financial structure is being undermined by unreasonable demands on their coffers, and said that Tel Aviv's social welfare programme was undergoing similar pressure.

Australian cities, including his own, are in a more fortunate position. They have succeeded to varying degrees in their fight for more federal funds and less government interference in municipal affairs.

"It'd be less than human if they didn't try it on once in a while," he conceded, but intimated that the municipal authorities are holding their own.

To do this, however, the municipalities must prove that they have the proper facilities and the trained personnel to handle their affairs smoothly. As an example, he mentioned Tel Aviv's problems of illegal construction, a form of law-breaking that was extremely rare in Sydney.

"Our staffs are trained to assist applicants, and strive to do so. Applications must be acted on within a reasonable period — in our case within 40 days — otherwise the applicant may take his case to a special appeals tribunal, made up of public figures. The tribunal's decision is final."

Port is now on his fourth visit to Israel, the first as mayor (he assumed office last September). But he has served as "alderman" for

many years. The job carries no salary, but the mayor is given a generous entertainment allowance to take care of his various social duties as Sydney's first citizen. This does not permit him to ease up on his work as a consulting engineer, however.

Mayor Port thinks Tel Aviv could learn a lot from the way Sydney is run, particularly in the way private enterprise is encouraged to construct buildings and facilities. This is done through a system of incentives, which assures that the right structure is put up in the right place. To this end he has invited Tel Aviv's Deputy Mayor Yigal Griffl, who has the building portfolio, to visit his bailiwick.

"It's not all a one-way street," he emphasizes. "I have seen a number of municipal enterprises in Tel Aviv which I would be proud to have in Sydney." He cited as examples the indoor sports stadium, the municipal museum and the Yarkon Park. Despite Sydney's rapid growth, "we haven't provided a comparable public park in something like a hundred years."

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Allon warns Security Council

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that if Yasser Arafat got a state of his own, a new Angola would be created here. The PLO state would constitute a Soviet military base in the heart of the Middle East, which would endanger not only Israel but also the entire free world.

Begun said it was high time people stopped using the name "PLO," since Arafat's aim was annihilation — not liberation. "Eretz Yisrael has already been liberated," he said. Instead, he urged, Arafat's group should be called "The Palestine Murder Organization" — "PMO" (in Hebrew, "Araf" instead of "Arafat"). The mere repetition of the name "PLO" had a persuasive impact, just as Goebbels' clever propaganda about the "liberation" of the Sudeten Germans was

once successful and persuasive. Tawfik Toubi's (Rakah) reference to Farouk Kaddumi's recent interview in "Newsweek" with the remark about eliminating the "Zionist ghetto," got Toubi into a shouting match with the Likud benches. Toubi said Kaddumi had denied the "Newsweek" version of the interview.

Yehuda Sha'ari (ILP) said that the U.S. and Sweden had accepted the idea of the PLO being invited to the Security Council, in the hope that it would persuade Yasser Arafat to be more moderate. In fact it had made him more extreme and deadlocked the Council into the bargain.

Sha'ari criticized what he called a "policy of procrastination" which had eliminated Jordan as a partner for negotiation, and enhanced the prestige of the Palestinians.

The year 1976 was a good opportunity to get the wheels moving at the Geneva Conference, he believed. Whatever happened, Israel must not sever itself from realities, merely out of short-term domestic considerations.

Sha'ari urged Prime Minister Rabin to make good use of his visit to the U.S. to prepare the ground for the Geneva Conference. Israel must come out with a peace programme in order to guarantee the support of its friends, he stressed, even if that programme did not bring peace in its wake.

The voting on Begin's motion and Sha'ari's motion was conducted separately. Begin's motion was approved for plenary debate in a count of 37 against 4, while Sha'ari's motion was passed by a clear majority without a count. The votes were separated because of a demand by Meir Fa'li (Moked), who said he identified with part of Sha'ari's approach, but not with Begin's view. Toubi abstained on both motions.

MK urges recycling of waste paper

KNESSET BRIEFS

SIX SMALL factions met yesterday and planned a campaign to thwart the Speaker's proposals about limiting the privilege of tabling urgent motions for the agenda and creating two classes of parliamentary questions. The factions were Moked, Ya'ad, Rakah (the New Communists), Aguda, ILP and the Free Centre.

DIVORCE CASES before the civil courts would be heard in camera under a private member's bill by Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) which was voted to committee on the preliminary first reading yesterday.

TU B'SHEVAT, the New Year of the Trees, will be marked on the Knesset's birthday according to tradition next week, with Monday devoted to tree-planting by Jerusalem schoolchildren and a reception for distinguished servicemen and civilians, and Tuesday devoted to a symposium on "Relations between the Knesset and the press."

ORIENTAL JEWRY's cultural heritage should be given equal emphasis in the education programme of the schools, with the cultural heritage of Occidental Jewry if we want integration to succeed in the physical sense, Genda Cohen (Likud) said yesterday in a motion for the agenda, which was voted to committee with the approval of Education Minister Aharon Yadin.

SAILORS and other foreign citizens should be prevented from buying up cheap subsidized commodities in Israel to take with them abroad, at the expense of the Israeli taxpayer, Moshe Wertman (Alignment) suggested yesterday in letters to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

DOV ZAKIN (Alignment-Mapam) complained on Tuesday that kibbutz youngsters are no longer allowed to defer their army service for a year in order to work with underprivileged youth. He asked Defence Minister Shimon Peres, in a parliamentary question, if he could arrange for this volunteer work to be reinstated.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM will get customs exemption on medical equipment and medicines it imports, provided these cannot be gotten in Israel, under a new law passed by the Knesset on Tuesday.

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL COMPANIES AND PARTNERSHIP FEES

The Registrar of Companies and Partnerships reminds companies and partnerships that the annual fee for 1976 is due. The fee is IL50 for companies and IL30 for partnerships. A company which does not pay the fee by February 29, 1976, will be required to pay IL65; a partnership which similarly delays paying will be charged IL60. The fee may be paid at a branch of the Post Office Bank. The demand note sent to companies and partnerships should be presented when paying.

Payment is not to be made directly to the Registrar of Companies and Partnerships.

Companies and partnerships which have not yet received the demand note are asked to apply to the Registrar immediately, so that the note may be sent to them in good time.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Amendment of the Restrictive Trade Practices Law

The Minister of Justice and the Minister of Commerce and Industry have appointed a public committee to consider the amendment of the Restrictive Trade Practices Law, with regard to the

ANALOGATION OF COMPANIES AND CONGLOMERATES

The terms of reference of the committee are to recommend proposals for the amendment of the present Law, and to make it suitable for conditions in Israel today.

Anyone interested in this subject who wishes to submit a memorandum to the committee should send it as soon as possible to the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Zvi Gress, Law Faculty, Tel Aviv University, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv.

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David Krivine proposes ways to reduce delays and bottlenecks in Israel's medical services.

Edward Crankshaw discusses Soviet leadership mentality and the consensus which has led to detente.

Abraham Rabinovich tours the botanical garden at the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus.

Haim Shapiro remembers krasha as he resumes his Culinary Notes and Martha Meisels gives some advice on sensible shopping.

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PARIS PAPER LISTS 12 MORE 'SPIES'

Richardson scores publication of names of CIA agents

LONDON. — Outgoing U.S. ambassador Elliot Richardson said yesterday that those who publish names of alleged Central Intelligence Agency operatives should consider seriously the risks to the men involved.

Richardson made his comment as "Time Out," a crusading left-wing weekly magazine which last year named more than 60 alleged CIA operatives in London, added three more names to its list in its Thursday edition.

"I would regard this as a relatively trivial matter if it were not for the risks involved to those whose names are published," Richardson said at a news conference at the U.S. Embassy.

Recalling the recent killing of

Richard Welch, alleged CIA chief in Athens, who was gunned down after an English-language Greek newspaper published his name, Richardson said: "This should weigh heavily with those who publish these things."

The "Time Out" story followed publication by the Paris left-wing newspaper, "Liberation," of the names of 32 alleged CIA operatives in France. "Time Out" said that since it identified the purported CIA staffers last May, the agency "appears to have actually increased its staffing here to about 70."

"Time Out" said its information, "accurate as of last month," comes from a source inside the U.S. embas-

sy, despite CIA efforts to tighten up on security there.

"Liberation" yesterday published an additional list of 12 alleged CIA agents in Paris in what it called a determined attempt to drive the CIA out of France.

"Liberation's" new attack on the Agency, coming after the publication of a first list of 32 alleged operatives on Tuesday, threatened to add ammunition to the French Socialist Party's demand for a government statement on CIA operations in France.

Georges Filloux, a member of the opposition Socialist group, asked the government in a motion to report in the national assembly (lower house) on relations between the CIA and its French equivalent, Service de Documentation, Etudes et Contre-Espionnage (SDECE).

In London, the foreign editor of "The Times" accused an American newsmen of endangering the lives of British foreign correspondents by asserting that some of them are spies.

Lewis Hearn wrote the extraordinary commentary about Bernard Nossiter, London correspondent of the "Washington Post," under the headline "This dangerous game that could put a gun at the head of British reporters abroad."

Nossiter, in a recent article on the British secret service, asserted that a "remarkable number" of British newsmen abroad were either agents or financed by the British secret service. He mentioned no names.

Hearn called it a "damnable and damning charge, which can be neither proved nor disproved." He accused Nossiter of "a sloppy piece of misreporting. It could also be extremely dangerous."

Mrs. Armstrong new U.S. envoy to Britain

WASHINGTON. — President Ford yesterday nominated former White House counselor Anne Armstrong of Texas to be the first woman to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Britain and said he expected her to do "a superb job."

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Mrs. Ford stood alongside as the President named Mrs. Armstrong to her new job and promised to continue to name women to government posts.

The British Foreign Office gave its approval on Tuesday to Mrs. Armstrong's appointment, finishing in one week, diplomatic formalities that normally take four to six weeks.

Mrs. Armstrong, 48, succeeds Ambassador Elliot Richardson, who is coming home to be Ford's new Commerce Secretary.

Actress Leighton dies

CHESTER, England. — British actress Margaret Leighton died aged 53, on Tuesday.

Miss Leighton's award-winning career in films and on the stage spanned 35 years and included starring roles with Sir Laurence Olivier, Sir Alec Guinness and Sir Ralph Richardson.



Malaysia's 'workhorse' Premier dies

LONDON. — Malaysia's Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, died of leukemia in a London hospital yesterday, aged 53.

Tun Razak was Malaysia's second Prime Minister since the country became independent. He succeeded Tunku Abdul Rahman in 1970.

Tun Razak's condition had been causing concern for some time, but the exact nature of his illness was not disclosed.

For nearly two decades Tun Abdul Razak was the workhorse of Malaysia, which he helped guide to independence in 1957.

Razak figured in virtually every vital decision on Malaysia, negotiating independence from Britain in 1957, helping and the war with Indonesia in 1966 and calming the bitter racial hatred that threatened to cause civil war in 1969.

Acting Prime Minister Hussein Onn in a broadcast in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur announced Razak's death. Officials said the acting Prime Minister was chosen yesterday by National Front coalition leaders to succeed his brother-in-law. Diplomats saw no immediate changes in Malaysia's pro-Western foreign policy and anti-Communist domestic policy, but said the 53-year-old Hussein is not in good health himself.

Razak came to Britain for treatment last month, but his people knew nothing of his serious illness. His death at the exclusive London clinic came as a shock to most Malaysians.

(UPI, AP)

IRA hits three times in 24 hours

BELFAST. — The Irish Republican Army, again disregarding its self-proclaimed "ceasefire," hit three targets in 24 hours and Britain's chief minister in Northern Ireland urged the majority Protestants not to retaliate.

The latest attack in the new outbreak of violence by the Provisional wing of the IRA was a 15-minute sub-machinegun and automatic rifle attack on a rural police station at Pomeroy, west of Belfast early yesterday.

Security officials said police and part-time militia men fought off the attackers without casualty on either side.

A few hours earlier the IRA fire-bombed a state-owned bus depot at Dungannon, destroying six buses and damaging two.

A man and a teenage girl of the Provisional IRA blew themselves up when a bomb they were planting in downtown Belfast's security zone exploded prematurely on Tuesday, police said. Two other victims, both Catholics, also died and 21 persons were injured.

Police in Dublin in the Irish Republic seized seven crates of arms, including rifles, handguns, ammunition and explosives in an apartment in the working class suburb of Kimmage. It was the biggest haul of clandestine arms in the city in several years and police said they were seeking the tenant of the apartment.

Soviets silent on jetliner crash

MOSCOW. — A Soviet TU-134 airliner crashed near Moscow earlier this month, killing all persons aboard, Western airline sources said. Officials at Vnukovo airport, where the jet was said to have crashed, and at the Ministry of Civil Aviation, refused to confirm or deny the reports.

Reports circulating in Moscow placed the death toll at between 72 and 86 persons.

(UPI)

Portuguese Gov't starts pre-election period

LISBON. — The Portuguese Government said yesterday that the arrangements for a national election aimed at transferring legislative and executive powers from the military to the political parties will formally begin within the next 48 hours.

The ceremony of the "solemn opening of the pre-electoral period" will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday with the attendance of the secretaries of state, civil governors and other personalities. Interior Minister Navy Cdr. Vasco de Almeida e Costa said.

The Government has not set an exact date for the balloting, but has promised the elections will occur by April 25 — the second anniversary of the coup that brought the military to power.

Almeida e Costa made his surprise announcement only hours after the soldiers now running Portugal handed the parties a proposal aimed at handing over legislative and executive powers to them.

Political sources said the pre-electoral period would be primarily used to set up the mechanism for the voting, but that the political parties would be allowed to start informal campaigning.

In Oporto, in northern Portugal, pre-dawn bombs damaged a Communist headquarters and two shops owned by leftists, but caused no injuries. On Tuesday, four bombs exploded near leftist-owned property.

(UPI)

Carter vows support for Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Democratic presidential hopeful Jimmy Carter says America's basic foreign policy "has to be to support the nation of Israel," but within the context of an overall settlement.

"When we get down to the last stages of solving the Middle East question," the U.S. should recognize the Palestinians "as an entity, with a right to have their own nation," Carter said in a television interview this week.

The Palestinians, he added, should be allowed "to choose their own government, and to exist in a territory, possibly on the West Bank or even the East Bank of Jordan." He said this should be "an integral part of that ultimate solution."

The former Governor of Georgia, who is making a good initial showing among the dozen Democratic contenders, said he would not recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization "under any circumstances diplomatically, until the PLO recognizes the right of Israel to exist in peace in its present location in the Middle East."

Carter said that if he were Israel's Prime Minister he would not give up control of the Golan Heights and the "Jewish and Christian worship places in Jerusalem."



Jimmy Carter, photographed during his visit to Israel in 1973 when he was Governor of Georgia (Yossi Hadari)

But he did suggest that "ultimately Israel might have to withdraw from some of the present boundaries toward their 1967 borders."

Asked whether he foresaw a time when Israel and the U.S. will part ways on the Palestinian question, Carter replied:

(UPI)

Uruguay: Gunmen still there

By JAMES NEILSON
BUENOS AIRES. — The Uruguayan Navy took a number of journalists on a guided tour, earlier this month, of a recently-discovered "people's prison," a guerrilla hide-out. The Army also put on display weapons taken from the revolutionaries, and said they had also captured a small aircraft and some boats. A few days earlier, moreover, the armed forces had announced the arrest of hundreds of Communist Party members involved in a "vast subversive plot."

Although the military presented the crackdown as a victory, every Uruguayan knows that it symbolized a defeat. The armed forces, after all, were supposed to have finished with the terrorist menace once and for all. It was in order to have a free hand in their war against the leftist Tupamaros — in their day the most spectacularly successful urban guerrillas in a continent where urban guerrillas flourished — that they pushed aside the constitutional authorities in 1973, leaving the elected President, Juan Maria Bordaberry, in office.

Evidence that guerrillas are still in a position to operate in Uruguay, over two years after the Tupamaros were crushed, is not encouraging for supporters of the military regime. The destruction of the guerrilla threat was regarded as essential if a serious effort was to be made to get Uruguay moving again after 30 years of stagnation.

The one undeniable achievement of the military has been to rein in the seemingly permanent hyperinflation. This year it has been slowed down to 50 per cent from over 100 per cent a year ago. But even this victory is proving costly.

The slowdown of Uruguay's inflation rate coincided with a last summer one Uruguayan peso would buy one Argentine, today it buys five. This means that Argentina has suddenly become cheap for Uruguayan tourists and they have crossed the River Plate in tens of thousands, sipping their subcases with goods purchased in Buenos Aires. Many are making the trip several times a week.

A serious drain affecting Uruguay is the steady loss of people. It has been calculated that 700,000 Uruguayans have left the country in the last three years alone. And the emigrants are, as always, young and the enterprising who should now be taking their place

in a work force which has to support an enormous bureaucracy and a large number of pensioners. The best-qualified emigrants have been snatched up by the United States, Canada and Australia. The rest have gone to Argentina or Brazil.

This has had a striking effect on Uruguay's population statistics. In 1963 there were just over 2,500,000 Uruguayans, and the population was growing slowly. Nevertheless, it was thought that by 1975 Uruguay would have a population of about 3,000,000. The 1975 census therefore came as a shock when it produced a total of just 2,700,000.

In an effort to stop this flow, the authorities have devoted a great deal of effort to making the acquisition of a passport a difficult and time-consuming enterprise. Any Uruguayan who wants to travel abroad must wait for months before he gets his travel documents. Although this has made some would-be emigrants think again, it has also greatly increased the claustrophobia and frustration of the young, for Uruguay is a small and homogeneous country, overshadowed by the glamour of the outside world, whose inhabitants have traditionally felt an acute need to travel abroad.

(UPI)

A GLANCE AT THE WORLD

Silasvuo quits army

HELSINKI. — Lt. Gen. Ensio Silasvuo has submitted his resignation to the Finnish defence forces so he may concentrate on his United Nations Middle East peace-keeping duties, a defence ministry spokesman said yesterday. Silasvuo, 54, has been commander of UN emergency forces in the Middle East since 1970.

Defence sources said Silasvuo had long been unhappy with his dual Finnish-UN role. Last February, he was appointed director of army training, but his UN duties prevented him from taking up his general staff obligations.

He was promoted from major-general to lieutenant-general in December, 1973.

U.S. Labour Sec'y resigns

WASHINGTON. — John T. Dunlop has resigned as Secretary of Labour, it was announced yesterday. He quit despite a last-minute plea from President Ford to stay on the job.

Dunlop informed the President of his decision at a private White House meeting.

Dunlop maintains that his position with organized labour was untenable after Ford's veto of the controversial common-site picketing bill. The measure would have expanded union picketing rights at construction sites.

Sub salvage thwarted

WASHINGTON. — Plans for another CIA attempt to raise a Soviet submarine from the floor of the Pacific Ocean have been thwarted by a Russian ship patrolling the wreckage site, U.S. intelligence sources said yesterday.

The presence of the Soviet vessel prevented the American ship, the Glomar Explorer, from returning last summer to the wreck site north-west of Hawaii, one source said. Top CIA officials are now "85 per cent sure" that the \$350m. salvage project will have to be abandoned altogether, he added.

The Glomar Explorer, a sophisticated recovery vessel built by billionaire Howard Hughes, raised the forward third of the Soviet submarine in 1974. Maintenance costs for the recovery vessel have caused a steady drain on the CIA budget, and there has been so much speculation when the Soviet patrol ship would end its vigil of the wreck site, one source said.

Another embassy occupied

BONN. — About 30 apparently unarmed Libyan students peacefully occupied their country's embassy here yesterday, declaring that they were protesting the suppression of an independent student movement by the Tripoli government.

A communique issued by "the general union of Libyan students" said fellow-students occupied the Washington, Cairo and London embassies "as a reply to the suppression and destruction" of an independent student union.

The statement condemned "acts of violence which claimed dead and injured among our fellow-students" — a reference to a police shoot-out with demonstrators in Benghazi on January 4, an embassy official said.

4,000 detainees in Philippines

MANILA. — The martial law regime is holding 4,000 detainees without charges, solicitor-general Estelito Mendoza told the supreme court yesterday.

He said that the three-year-old martial law government may be without formal charges any person suspected of crimes against national security for as long as necessary to investigate and prosecute the case.

The government rarely discloses publicly figures concerning detainees. The Solicitor-General did not say if all the detainees were involved in national security cases.

Austria drops extradition bid

VIENNA. — Austria yesterday abandoned an attempt to extradite terrorists who kidnapped the world's top oil ministers last week after hearing officials they had left Algeria. A government statement said an extradition order made on December 24, after the terrorists surrendered in Algeria, would be pursued no further.

(Attempts to hand over the application failed because Austria and Algeria have no extradition treaty.)

Foreign Minister Erich Blesl told a cabinet meeting Algeria confirmed that the group, who shot their way into the Vienna headquarters of OPEC on December 21, had gone abroad.

(UPI)

\$24b. deficit likely this year, Britons told

LONDON. — Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey warned Britons that the country could have a \$24b. deficit in the current financial year. That could mean unemployment will increase and economic restrictions be tightened, he said.

The deficit is one-third larger than Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Labour government originally had estimated and a major admission that Britain is far from winning its battle for economic survival.

But it confirmed what leading economic commentators have been

claiming for months: Britain, clinging behind other industrialized countries struggling out of a world recession, is deep in deficit through borrowing abroad to cover a trade gap. Industry is clogging employment is running at 15 per cent of the labour force, with wages pegged and prices high.

Healey was speaking in Parliament following the publication of formal applications to the International Monetary Fund for \$2b. loans to help Britain stay afloat.

(UPI)

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New Beit Zeirot Mizrahi School Dedicated

The dedication ceremony of the new Wolfe and Yula Eisenberg Comprehensive Religious High School in Tel Aviv took place on Tuesday, January 13, 1978, in the presence of Mrs. Sarah Shane, National President, American Mizrahi Women, Shlomo Lahat, Mayor of Tel Aviv, his deputies, the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Yafu, Mr. Ralph Cadeaux, U.S. Consul General, members of American Mizrahi Women in Israel, hundreds of students, teachers, educators and invited guests.

The dedication of the magnificent new three-story school, with its close to 600 pupils, initiates a new chapter in the 38 year educational history of Beit Zeirot Mizrahi, Tel Aviv. The school is in the new education complex of the "Technion Lamed" area of Tel Aviv.

It was created by the Eisenberg family in honour of their parents, Wolfe and Yula Eisenberg, in cooperation with the American Mizrahi Women and the Education Department of the Tel Aviv Municipality.

The school, with its striking architecture, is on an 8-dunam plot and comprises 48 classrooms, 5 workshops, laboratories, library, gymnasium, study kitchens and a large dining area.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat, in his words of welcome and in thanking the family and American Mizrahi Women, laid special emphasis on the importance of religious education in Tel Aviv and the significance of this new religious educational institution for the teaching of Torah and Mitzvot, so important to the development of Tel Aviv and its suburbs.

Mrs. Sarah Shane, National President of the American Mizrahi Women, who came to Israel especially for the dedication, extended thanks to the Eisenberg family for their generous gift in creating the school, and to the Municipality for their assistance. She said the school is a proud addition to the many institutions of the American Mizrahi Women in Israel.

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GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL
MINISTRY OF LABOUR

Notice to Building Contractors

regarding Prequalification for the Construction of Extensions to the Tel Arza Vocational Training Centre in Jerusalem

- The Government of Israel — Ministry of Labour — plans to improve and expand its system of Vocational/Technical training institutions. The Government of Israel has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) towards the cost of extensions to four existing vocational/technical training facilities. It is intended that this loan be used to pay for the construction of extensions for which tenders, consistent with the IBRD guidelines on payments, will be invited in due course. The total works will be carried out in four phases.
- The third phase will be the construction of an extension to the Tel Arza Vocational/Technical Training Centre in Jerusalem, the approximate gross area of which will be 3,900 square metres. The structures are expected to be mainly of reinforced concrete and masonry, and there will be related metal, carpentry, mechanical and electrical works. The preliminary total estimated construction and site-work cost of this phase is US \$1,600,000.
- The Government of Israel hereby invites Foreign Contractors to submit prequalification documents to qualify to bid for the construction of the project in Jerusalem.
- It is expected that bids for the Tel Arza Vocational Training Centre project will be invited on or about April 1, 1978, and the bids will be opened on June 7, 1978. Construction of this project is expected to commence on July 7, 1978, and its completion is scheduled for not later than Feb. 7, 1979.
- Only contractors experienced in similar works, with proper personnel and equipment and adequate financial standing will be considered for prequalification. Prequalified foreign contractors will be required to register in Israel prior to bidding. Interested foreign contractors from member countries of the Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Switzerland are invited to submit prequalification documents to the Public Works Department of Israel. Only completed prequalification documents should be returned to the Public Works Department by March 1, 1978.
- Invitations to bid, plans and the specification for the Tel Arza project will be transmitted only to those foreign contractors who have been prequalified on the basis of information submitted by them in accordance with paragraph 5 above.
- Applications for prequalification documents and further information should be addressed to:

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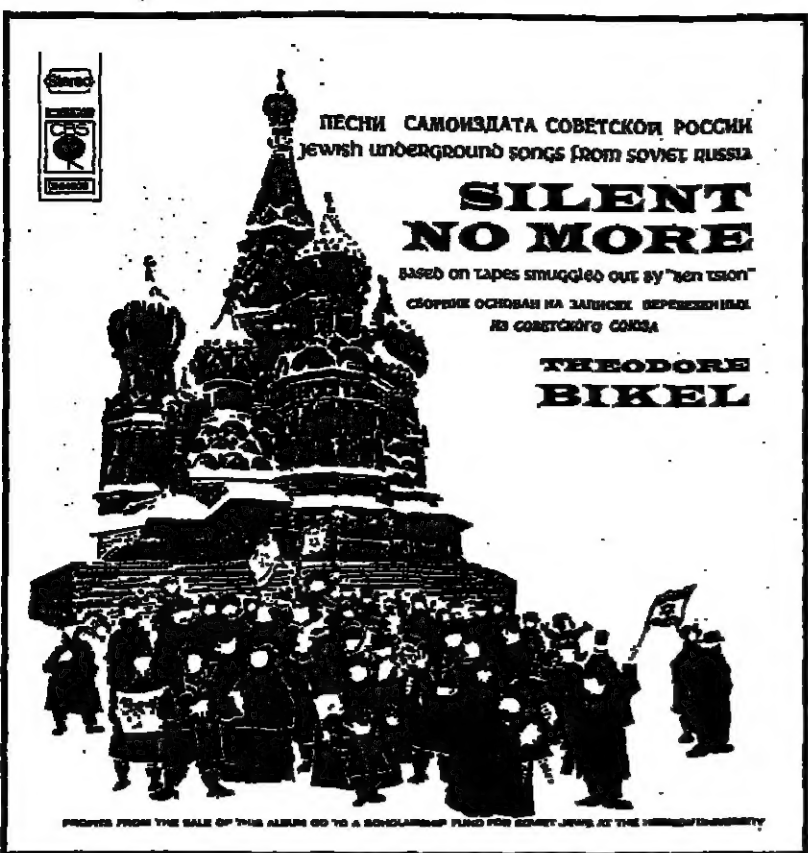
By ERICH GOTTGEBER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

IS THE STORY of a song cycle recorded in secret... we listen to one of the songs, we see in our mind's eye an OVR in Moscow where Soviet Jews battle against bureaucratic restrictions when they want to go to Tel Aviv. The name of the song set to a tune is "Tel-Aviv Auntie" (Avivskaya Tyotya). The melody is the accompanying klet sung like this:

I love my Tel-Aviv auntie
She's the dearest auntie of all
She sent her nephew a letter and
I took it to the passport office.
In that OVR office sat a scowling auntie
Smiling at me: "Where do you want to go?"
"To Israel," I replied, "to be with my auntie.
For without her I cannot live!"
Stormy are the waves of the Mediterranean.
They beat against the shores,
And there on the shore is my auntie.
Anxiously waiting for me to arrive.
Stormy are the waves of the Mediterranean.
They beat against the shores;
All the Jews will be waiting there
When finally I achieve my Aliyah.

his is one of the 16 underground songs secretly recorded on a tape in Israel by an American scientist, induced to the people he met (and to simply as Ben-Zion. Grieved by tragic situation and motivated by feeling of personal involvement, he took the risk of making the tapes in Moscow and in other places. Often he hid his recorder open when he talked to the singer. After recording "Tel-Aviv Auntie" for example, he heard what Jews do if they have no relatives in Israel. A voice from the crowd replied: "Who doesn't have relatives?"

Musical journey from the land of bondage



arranged by Issachar Miron.

Except for one song in Hebrew ("Next Year in Jerusalem") and two in Yiddish, all the texts are in Russian. The musical journey from the land of bondage to the Holy Land of Hope starts in front of the Moscow Great Synagogue in Archipova Street. It is Shema Torah, and we participate in the scenes of exuberant joy typical of this festival which culminate in the singing of the old Hassidic song: "How wonderful and pleasant is our inheritance."

The next song "May redemption come... the Messiah is coming soon" is sung in Yiddish by a group of people. The prayer includes the moving verse: "When the heart is heavy let's drink to life / and when despair is at its greatest let's sing a song."

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING songs rendered in Russian — is called "Three hours flight" (Tol'ko tri chasa) and runs:

It is only three hours' flight
To where my home and homeland are.
And waiting there for me
Are my family and friends.
Here the crowd is strange, there is no one to drink with.
Their fatback and cabbage soup are really not for me.
Though there's a complaint book in each neighbourhood beer hall,
How do you register the complaints of your heart?

One of the men interviewed says: "We know everything about Israel... There was a time when we used to pray three times a day. Now three times a day we listen to Radio Jerusalem. When you go there, give them greetings, will you..."

The closeness of "Jerusalem, wonderful city, holy city... city of my origins," is referred to in the next song which seems to have been born in the city of Kutaisi in Soviet Georgia.

From Kutaisi to Jerusalem.
It is not far, just a few hours away.
I send my city a greeting of peace;
I send her all my faith and all my love.

At the end of the recording the yearning and hope rise to a pitch of religious fervor. In the hymn-like song "Pharaoh, let my people go!" (Otpusti Narod Moy!) we hear the desperate cry: "Let the Jewish people go to their homeland! Do not force my people to face destruction once again!" — and the Hassidic tune "Fear no one" (Nye bayussa) asserts:

I fear no one
And I believe in no one
Save in God alone!
There is no, no, no, no one
But he alone,
Only God alone.

ONE OF THE LAST songs leads us once again into the Moscow Synagogue. It is Passover and Ben-Zion's ingenuity allows us to hear a Russian Jew giving a first Hebrew lesson to his three-year-old daughter, sitting astride his shoulders. He teaches her the phrase: "Le-shanah haba'ah bi-Yerushalayim" — Next year in Jerusalem.

The toddler repeats the sentence slowly — syllable by syllable — but correctly.

And the father implores: "Say it once more, come on!"

\$575m. family 'limitation' plan in India

By TREVOR DRIEBERG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI — India's family planning authorities, in drawing up their "perspective campaign," have come to recognize that a high rate of population growth is an inevitable result of under-development and its essential concomitant, poverty.

While deliberate measures to restrict the size of families are fairly widespread among persons with satisfactory living standards, researchers have noted that the opposite effect is evident as they move progressively down the social ladder. The poorer and more socially backward people are the more prone they are to raise large families, in both urban and rural areas.

Those living below what the government describes as the poverty line — and this group accounts for about 40 per cent of India's 580m. population, have no incentive to breed selectively but consider a large number of children necessary so that they may add to the skimpy family earnings.

Thus the Indian Government's huge family planning programme has recently been geared to efforts to banish want and poverty. The new approach is that if people are helped to improve their standard of living they will be encouraged to restrict the size of their families voluntarily to maintain that standard.

Female literacy is found to be another crucial factor. In regions and in social layers where literacy among women is fairly high, there is greater acceptance of the need to keep down the size of the family. The percentage of literacy for females in India as a whole is 18.7, with a peak of 25.9 per cent in Punjab and a trough of 8.46 in Rajasthan.

The government proposes to invest \$575m. on family limitation programmes in its current five year plan and it has adopted an integrated package approach which includes health care, improved nutrition and mother and child welfare. This programme, wholly government-financed, is designed to reduce the birthrate to 30 per 1000 by the end of the fifth plan and to 25 per 1000 by the end of the sixth plan in 1985.

The world of art

Sculptor celebrates centenary



Yaakov Loushansky, doyen of local sculptors (who celebrated his 100th birthday this week), autographs a drawing of one of his works for Les Rabin, the wife of the Prime Minister, at an exhibition arranged in his honour at the Arta Gallery, Jerusalem. Gallery owner Itamar Barkai is on the left. A review of the show will appear in tomorrow's Post. (Photo Galia)

Colourful and expressive acrylics

YOCHAI ALBERT'S pastel and acrylic paintings are colourful, expressive compositions of semi-figurative subjects combined with totally abstract passages. Albert can show a delicate hand or come across with textured brute force. His palette is directed at the greens, blues and whites with monochromatic emphasis in most panels. Although he is inspired by the images of Ensor, Dubuffet and Alechinsky, a technique of under-painting, scraping and over-toning is reminiscent of Turner's mature seascapes as can be noted in No. 18 and 42, where pastel yellows are pebbled with chalky greys and dashed with crimson or orange spots. Albert designs his pictures with dynamic tension. Pictorial elements are not spatially oriented and are rarely placed parallel to the framed edge. The shapes and lines are not permitted to maintain a static pose vis a vis panels. In their innate iconography, nor in their relationships to surrounding shapes and lines. Altogether a rhythmic effort. (Chemerinsky Gallery, 36 Gordon, Tel Aviv, till Jan. 19). (GIL GOLDFINE)

The life of Josephine Baker

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON — Golda Meir is to figure in a film on the life of Josephine Baker. The former Premier will naturally not be appearing in person, but the little-known friendship between the Jewish statesman and the famous black entertainer will be featured.

Henk Kaufman, who, together with Gene Lerner, is producing the film, told me that they met Mrs. Meir a week ago in New York, and discussed part of their screenplay with her.

Mrs. Meir told the producers how pleased she had been to meet Josephine Baker who always came to visit her when touring Israel. Mrs. Meir was especially interested in

Josephine Baker's adoption of twelve orphans of different races and religion, including a Jewish boy, Moshe. Kaufman said that Mrs. Meir was visibly moved when he recalled that whenever Miss Baker sang "My Yiddische Mamma" in her last musical show in Paris shortly before her death, she dedicated it to Golda Meir.

Mrs. Meir had asked for a copy of the photo of the entertainer's private funeral ceremony at Monte Carlo last October, because it showed the 12 adopted children praying together by the casket which was decorated with two Stars of David. These had been presented by Jewish organizations to commemorate Miss Baker's rescue of Jewish refugees.

newcomer looks at the problem of "yerida" among Western immigrants and says that those who leave may not have had strong enough ideals.

Why some new settlers leave

By WENDY BLUMFIELD
Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE PROBLEM of yerida, once asked about only in whispers, has now come right into the open of late as it has been the subject of a report in "Time" Magazine.

What causes an honest *oleh*, who here with the intention of making a new life in his ancestral home, come so frustrated and disgruntled that he can contemplate returning to his former country? The Haifa branch of the British Settlers' Association (Hitachdut Olei Britania) recently did some research into a problem. They looked for the reasons and came up with some answers.

At the top of the list they found the struggle to make ends meet. "How to dry the 18th of the month," was a dry comment. Western settlers come here knowing that salaries are comparatively low, but do not fully anticipate Israel's high cost of living. They find profit-margins excessive.

Linked with the high cost of living is the housing situation. Western immigrants should not nurture false hopes of Jewish Agency rental hous-

ing, because if they have any money at all, they will be encouraged to buy and take out a Jewish Agency mortgage. Then, of course, British *olim* suffer from the cost of housing somewhat more than other Western settlers because of the currency restrictions imposed by the Bank of England.

In addition, any attempt to build one's own property in less populated areas is almost out of the question because the Jewish Agency mortgage is not available until a good part of the building is completed. Moreover, apart from the high cost of accommodation, legislation is very elastic in the property business and *olim* must make sure someone explains the small print in contracts.

Housing for singles has long been under discussion, with one-parent families also included in this category. Low-cost permanent rental schemes are needed in Israel's major centres, so that singles can set up homes near their place of work without the insecurity of being constantly on the move.

Elderly settlers also find housing one of their main problems.

ONE OF THE more alarming aspects of yerida is the "brain drain." Highly skilled and qualified people are often unable to find jobs on a comparable level to those they had in the West. The complaints range from reluctance to offer job permanency in industries to disorganisation within companies resulting in lower efficiency and administrative chaos.

On the general subject of employment, Dr. Ron Sivan, chairman of the Hitachdut Olei Britania's aliya promotion committee, feels that an *oleh* can find his niche if he or she is prepared to be flexible, but admits it is very hard, particularly for the specialist. "There is no short-term answer," says Ron, "but potential *olim* should certainly come before-hand if they can, in order to see what is available in their fields."

Another difficulty for new settlers to overcome is presented by the educational system. While Israel is technologically and scientifically advanced, knowledge of the psychology of learning is sadly limited. Immigrant children who have been used to learning in a creative and experimental way often find the pressures of the Israeli classroom almost too much to bear. Then again, school is only a half-day, and the parent apparently needs to be as qualified as the teacher in order to cope daily with loaded satchels of homework.

Bureaucracy has always been a subject for bitter mirth in Israel, but many *olim* do receive kind and courteous help in Government offices. True, there is the inevitable number system, but once inside the relevant office, it is possible to get results. *Olim* are sometimes at fault because they have an idea that table-thumping rules the day, when in fact a calm voice, polite smile and a word of thanks can achieve much more. But there needs to be some guide to bureaucracy so that people do not wait hours in queues and then find that they lack a vital document or two identical photographs.

Yigal Levine, of the British Zionist Federation Israel Office in Tel Aviv, claims that although *yordim* give many reasons for leaving Israel, these reasons are usually part of an overall disillusionment. "They're not happy here — and look for reasons to justify leaving," he says. "Yigal does not underestimate the 'Culture shock.' And here he feels that organisations like Hitachdut Olei Britania and the Association for Americans and Canadians in Israel can serve a useful purpose in bringing people together to find new friends and establish a new social framework. "Loneliness can be a vital factor," he says. If a woman misses her family and friends, this can make her integration very difficult.

Strangely enough, few *yordim* give the military situation as a reason for leaving. It seems that before they've come to Israel, they've faced that problem and come to terms with it.

The people who are leaving the country have obviously lost sight of the ideals that brought them here. They have lost — if indeed they ever had — the motivation for making sacrifices and changing their life style. The beauty of the country and a sense of identity and heritage no longer hold sufficient charms. But with the various settlers' organisations, there is no need for an immigrant to feel hopeless and stranded. The help is there — they just need to reach out their hands for it.

People tend to expect from Israeli things that they wouldn't get elsewhere. For where else in the world would an immigrant be welcomed at the airport, transported to an absorption centre and cushioned for six months with accommodation and language tuition thrown in? Mrs. Blumfield is a new settler from England.

Ben Yehuda's aide gets Ph.D at 86

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOW DOES one go about receiving a Ph.D. at the age of 86? It helps if you start work on your thesis at 73, and at least, then, how Dr. Pinhas Neuman did it. When he entered high school in Russia some 70 years ago, his proud parents saw this as the first step towards the hoped for doctorate. But what with one thing and another — aliya in 1910, then a family to support — he only fulfilled the requirements (including a thesis on "The borders of Israel as seen by scholars of the Talmudic period") two years ago.

"I felt very comfortable among the young students," he told me when I visited him at the old age home in Ramat Gan where he now lives in a two-room flat with his wife Rivka.

"In fact, it made me feel years younger to be with them. But sometimes when I was having lunch students who didn't know me would mistake me for a lecturer and ask questions about their studies. If I was a field in which I was knowledgeable, I tried of course to help them."

Indeed, the number of fields in which Dr. Neuman is knowledgeable is very large, though his general area of interest is Judaism. At Tel Aviv University he majored in Talmud, but Bible and Talmud were by no means new to him. At the age of seven he surprised his uncle, a shochet (ritual slaughterer), by his ability to recite a Gemara chapter by heart, together with Rashi's commentaries.

He has written over 300 articles on the Hebrew language — speaking an impeccable Hebrew in which all the usually-overlooked rules of pronunciation are strictly observed. Sometimes, apparently without realizing it, he ends words and sentences in a Talmudic lilt.

He has written over 300 articles on Jewish themes (all scholarly articles, he emphasizes) and is now compiling a book of them. He has also tried his hand at writing on the issue of Israel's borders. "I am a maximalist. In my doctoral thesis I continually emphasized that the borders of Israel are greater than people today think or at least than the Leftist think. I frankly think there are too many Leftist parties in Israel and that they are our enemies."

DURING HIS FIRST two years here he assisted Eliezer Ben-Yehuda in compiling his famous dictionary, living in the Ben-Yehuda home and he also helped with Ben-Yehuda's newspaper, "OR." It was Ben-Yehuda who chose the name Neuman: that was what remained when the Russian ending "sky" was dropped. "Ben-Yehuda had proclaimed that there was no place in his home, or in Israel, for a Russian name, and that's how I came to be the first Neuman in Israel."

In working on the dictionary, Neuman's job was to look up words in books according to information on slips of paper prepared by Ben-Yehuda, writing just enough of the context to allow the proper usage of the word to be verified. Ben-Yehuda visited libraries all over the world, went through books and made detailed notations; "then I would take his packages of 100 slips and follow through in the library here. The problem was in knowing how much to write. If I wrote too little, Ben-Yehuda would tell me to do it again because he would not have enough information. If I wrote too much, he would comment on that too. "Such comments were of course made in the polite third-person form of address used in those days: 'the gentleman will excuse me but...'"

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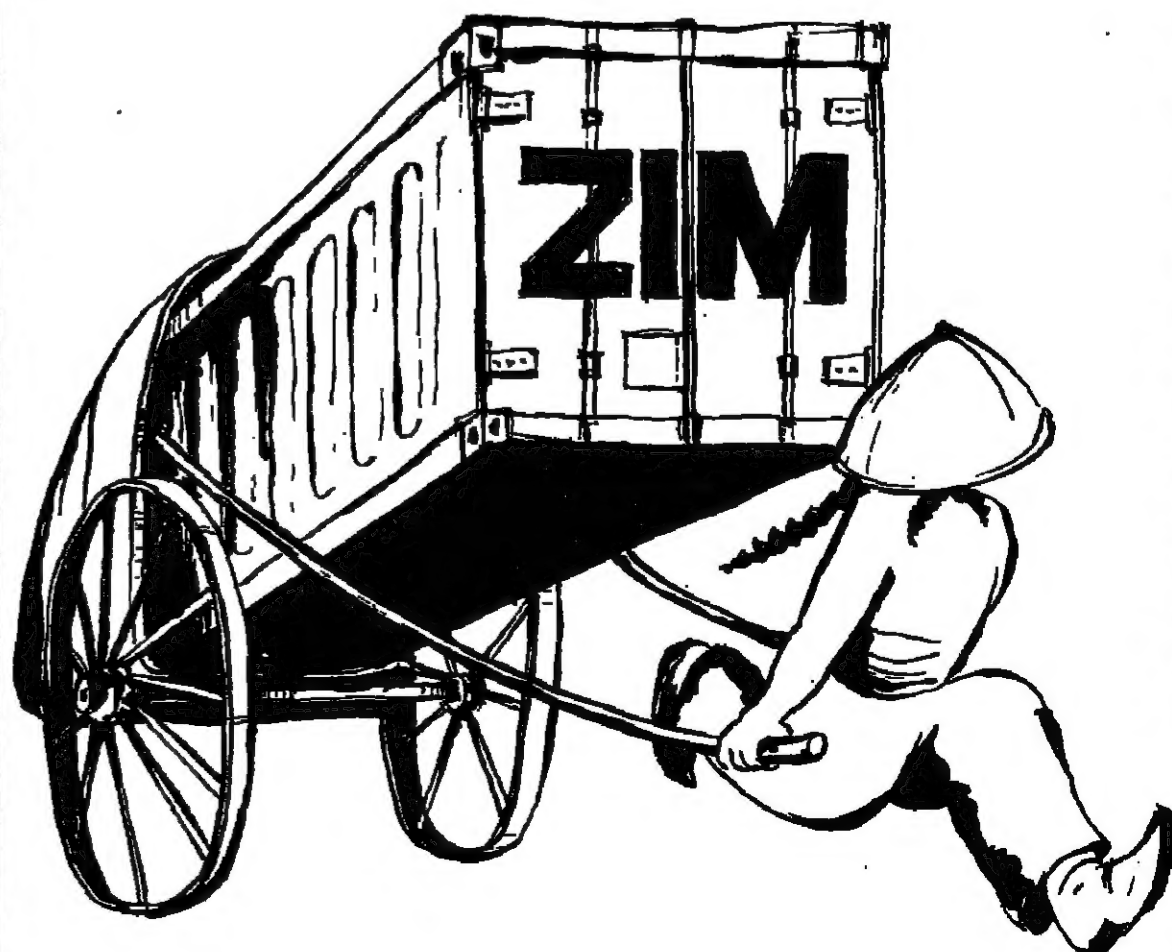
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Facing the economic facts

THE FORD ADMINISTRATION's recommended cut of \$700m. in aid to Israel next year may be modified in the course of discussions in the Congress. But the overall downward trend is inescapable, and calls into question Israeli policies now under discussion.

The point is that there seems to be an inverse ratio between Israel pounds and U.S. dollars. The more of the former are banded around, the less of the latter remain in the till.

This touches the main domestic issue awaiting decision at this moment, which is the wage contract for 1976/77. Uriel Abramovich of the Histadrut has demanded a rise of IL200-300 a month. The employers' reaction, expressed by Avraham Shavit, is that pay rises unrelated to increases in productivity would turn Israel's industry into a collection of Timna copper mines.

Questioned at a press conference on Tuesday, Haim Bar-Lev, the Minister in charge of Israel's industry, observed that wage policy is not the Government's province. Salaries are determined in negotiation between manufacturer and trade union.

But the Government has made an assumption about wages in drawing up the budget. It has presumed that wages will stay put. If they do not, then all the official economic predictions for 1976 go up in smoke.

A study by the Histadrut has spotted the key problem. It states that the Government is under-spending, and the result will be unemployment. But the Cabinet has officially decided not to spend more.

This decision cannot be reversed, precisely because the U.S. will not go on giving Israel aid at the present level. There is only one way out of cutting the dollar deficit, and that is by cutting consumption. And there is only one way of cutting consumption: by putting an end to deficit budgeting.

The Cabinet intended to stop over-spending this year, but (as the latest Supplementary Budget demonstrates) they did not make it; which is the reason why 1975/76 can be written off as a failure. The country has made almost no advance towards economic independence. The plan to insulate the economy from the damaging effects of aid cuts has not yet been applied. We earned hardly any more dollars in 1975 than in 1974.

If the new budgetary policy of refusing to go on "printing" Israel pounds is valid, then we are back to Shavit's warning about the danger that the country may be turned into one big Timna.

Timna was not brought down just by inflated wage costs. It had become a loss-maker, whatever wages were paid. But there are plenty of firms in the country for whom the Histadrut's proposed salary rise spells a switch from a small profit to a small loss, or from no-profit to a sizable loss.

It has happened before. It happened in fact, during most of the years since the State was created, except that each time the Treasury extended the hand of salvation, by borrowing more dollars overseas, by handing out cheap consolidation loans, by pumping more money into circulation, thus increasing prices — which effectively brought marginal firms back into the black.

This time there is no helping hand from the Government. So what employers and labour together have to resolve, when sitting round the negotiating table, is how many people can be absorbed in new jobs during the twelve months ahead. Given that no enterprise other than export concerns will be assisted, wage policy must ensure that no more people lose their jobs than can find alternative employment straight away.

These are days of economic stress. It is important, before adopting major decisions, to take a proper account of their consequences for the life of the nation.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

An unreformed PLO at the UN

HA'ARETZ (Independent) notes that the line taken by PLO representative Farouk Kaddoumi is identical with that of Yasser Arafat in his address to the U.N. assembly over a year ago. "There was no hint in his remarks that the Palestinian problem might be solved on the basis of partition. Kaddoumi demands the entire country for the Palestinian people, and is not prepared to acknowledge the right to sovereign existence of the Jewish people in any part of it. The PLO, apparently, is not prepared today to be satisfied

with what the Mufti and the Supreme Arab Committee turned down in 1947 — an Arab state in part of Palestine." The paper doubts whether even these extreme remarks will persuade those who are determined to regard the PLO as a moderate force, of their error. "But Israel rule over all the administered territories will not become more palatable to the communist and democratic governments and to Western public opinion, on account of the PLO extremism."

BACKGROUND REPORT

THE SPIRIT of violence and intimidation that, according to Knesset Member Moshe Shahal, lowers over the wholesale market for agricultural produce in Tel Aviv is strangely hard to detect.

Not only the Ministry of Agriculture denies its existence, but so do the municipality, the Farmers' Federation and the wholesalers themselves. The once-celebrated "ramparts" or unlicensed traders, now reduced (even in Shahal's estimate) to only 12 operators, seem to be men of straw. The wholesalers whom they are supposed to browbeat number 61, plus Tuva and Tenne. It is hard to believe that such a large conglomeration of tough-minded merchants (whose gleaming Volvos and Plymouths grace the car-park) will bow-low to a handful of alleged ruffians.

One merchant, known, as it happens, to me personally, has owned a stall, jointly with a partner, ever since the market was built. He says he likes selling to ramparts. "I get rid of 15 or 20 crates in one go, it saves me dealing with a dozen different retailers."

"What if the rampart won't pay your price?"

"Then I do not sell," he declared, with a look of surprise at the silliness of my question.

THE SOURCE of the horror stories must be the structure of the market itself. Merchants (like taxi-driving) is an occupation for which there is an excess of candidates. The problem can be solved in two ways — to allow a free-for-all, or to exercise central control.

The Israeli system is a mixture of both. Tuva was set up originally as the sole marketing agency for Histadrut-affiliated settlements. Now the farmers deal with whom they please — and there are 116 private wholesalers in the country to compete with Tuva.

The original Tel Aviv wholesalers bought their stalls from City Hall in the mid-1960s. They are a select number, an elite. That creates a feeling of *sechut* or entitlement. The dealer who retires sells the stall to his successor for between IL400,000 and IL800,000.

As a piece of real estate, it is not worth a fraction of that sum; but it gives the purchaser a *sechut*. He has paid for a right to trade there. Whoever is not paid does not have that right. It is a vested interest.

People sharing a vested interest tend to behave like a cartel. The propensity is shared by the rampart too, even though he has no licence; his prerogative is enshrined in custom. He sits on the margin, acts as a middleman (where needed).

READERS' LETTERS

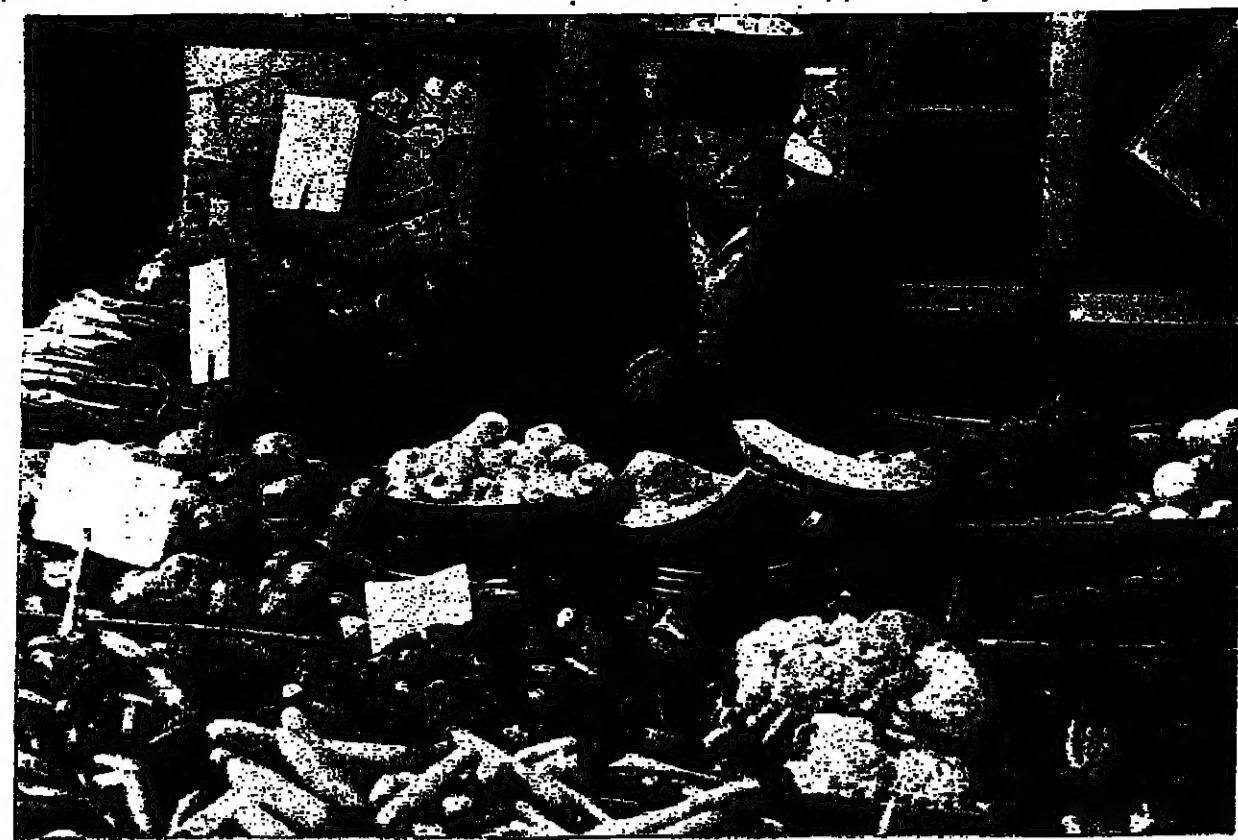
SUBSIDIZING NUMISMATISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In his article of January 4, Gidon Eshet claims that the country is subsidizing coin collectors and, therefore, the issue price of coins should be raised. Yet, Mr. Eshet himself admits that the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation is one of the most profitable companies of our Government. Is this called subsidizing?

Mr. Eshet laments the "immediate profit" made by the subscribers. He forgets to mention the run-away inflation of our economy, the periodic devaluations of the pound, and the low market prices for many coins — some even selling below issue price. In fact, a study reported in The Jerusalem Post claims that Israeli gold coins have been consistently overpriced when issued, compared with gold coins of other countries. Does Mr. Eshet want the IGCMC to charge more for coins already well overpriced?

The gifts and discounts given to employees and dealers of the IGCMC, however deplorable, can only be dealt with in terms of the legal business practices in effect in Israel under the new tax reform.

I fully agree with the State Comptroller and Mr. Eshet that the inter-



It is at the retail rather than the wholesale level that price abuses lie, writes Post reporter David Krivine after investigating the 'ramparts'.

Housewives ignore price-cut campaign

between wholesaler and retailer. His commission is small — generally two or three pounds a crate — because he performs a small service.

But he believes he has a place in the market; and if he is expelled (as may happen under a decision taken by *vaadat ha'shuk*, the market committee, last week) he will no doubt protest, curse and even threaten — because his rights are at stake, and his living too.

A great deal of shouting must certainly go on in that centre of wheeling and dealing. A Ministry official

commented: "It's not a place I would take my little granddaughter to for her morning stroll." To which an official of the municipality retorted, "And would he take her to Ashdod port?" Clamorous arguments may be going on unopposed way of doing business. But they do not amount to extortion or crime.

Privileges have to be jealously guarded. Mr. Shahal criticises another group in the market — the porters who charge 19.5 agorot a crate, and employ casual labour to help them do the carrying. The wage they pay is half that sum. Why

should not the employed worker get the full 19.5 agorot? Because the porters have a "right" to this incumbency.

So do the hauliers, with their tricycles, tenders and trucks. They pay IL72 per vehicle every four months for an entry permit to the market. Some truckers have ceased functioning, but still defray their IL72 on the nail, to retain their membership in the guild. (The monopoly, by the way, is far from watertight, and retailers increasingly do their own collecting.) Mr. Shahal believes that this guild

system permits the extortion of inflated profits, at the expense of the farmer and the end-consumer. He concedes the farmers' their justified indignation repudiates the implication that they can be "played for a sucker" (*shumim*). The fact that prices are, broadly speaking, controlled. Tuva, a non-profit-making organisation, takes a 12 per cent commission, which is the legal maximum. It handles, together with the joint production councils, a rough half of the entire turnover. So the other dealers have to conform, otherwise they would be priced out of the market.

Statistics show that the commission earned by Tuva in 1975/76 (on fruit and vegetables) was in fact IL82m., an average mark-up of 10 per cent. Evidently price bargaining does not always yield the full 12 per cent.

Other wholesalers made IL31m. on a turnover of IL377m. (this being the part of their trade that was on a commission basis). The mark-up here comes to 9 per cent. According to Neuman Eiland, director-general of the Agriculture Ministry, Tuva's return just about covered its costs, leaving no profit at all. He estimates the private dealers' profit to be less than one per cent of turnover.

What abuses there are, according to Eiland, in an area that Shahal appears to leave alone — the retail sector. The innumerable shops, whose multitude of small transactions are with the Israeli housewife, do not submit to supervision or control. The chief retailing agencies meet every Thursday with the Ministry and fix prices for the following week, based on a mark-up of 25 per cent. They publish their recommendations in all the leading newspapers every Sunday.

This list is a message to the housewife; but she does not read it, and there (according to Eiland) is the rub. The recommended price for tomatoes may be, in a particular week, IL1.80 a kilo. Supermarkets will charge that. They abide by the voluntary price-cut campaign. But the little shop around the corner charges IL3 because there are enough customers around willing to pay the price.

"We used to have 200 shops affiliated to our campaign; now we only have 170," thinks Eiland. "They are beginning to think it's not worth their while." After all the attempts to organize cheapness, through mechanised agriculture, swift haulage, cold-storage facilities for off-season supplies, and controlled marketing, the benefit is finally wasted, in many cases, by the end-consumer — who cannot be bothered to stand up for his rights.

VIEWPOINT

Independence Day celebrations this year should be based on the neighbourhood rather than organized from above, suggests Post reporter Moshe Kohn.

Small Independence fetes

ONE THING Israel society does not seem to lack is the spirit of rivalry. We have no shortage of competition between people vying with each other for the attention of that postal clerk or for first place on a public queue; of political parties clawing for our votes; motorists racing each other across the traffic lights; chief rabbis applauding each other for the high seat. Characteristic of these rivalries in our day-to-day life, however, is their intensely raucous, *ad hominem* nature. Civility, respect for age or position, attention to issues, obeying the rules are all too often considered a sign of weakness; all too often, an argument is no argument unless it is buttressed by shouting, name-calling, demagogic sloganeering.

But there is one kind of rivalry we do lack: the constructive rivalry that stems from pride in one's self and occupation, pride in one's street, neighbourhood, village, town, district. All the aspects of this sort of pride are supposed to be subsumed under, and satisfied by, pride in "Israel's Achievements," or in the "Eternal Jewish People." This "global" pride has a value, but it is not enough if it does not comprise all the little "parochial" prides that constitute the person and society.

All this is brought to mind by the meeting Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yadin recently held with a group of intellectuals and artists to plan Israel's 25th Independence Day celebrations next May 5. The number 25 in Hebrew is written with the letters *hay-het*, which also happen to spell the word "hook," meaning "power."

"hook," "might," and Mr. Yadin accordingly suggested that the central theme of this year's celebration "ought perhaps to be the nation vis-à-vis the great night that is latent in it. Without a sense of 'hook,' Mr. Yadin said, 'there will be no joy.'"

I don't know what kind of night Mr. Yadin was referring to, but I trust it was not the "central" military parades and displays such as we had on most of our first 19 Independence Days, culminating in the massive displays of 1969 and again in 1973.

Military displays have a value in Israel which does not require detailed discussion. It is not these massive displays as such that I deprecate, but the concept that our Independence Day celebrations must be planned and executed from high up in Jerusalem and on national scale: a massive "central" parade; a massive entertainment programme planned and executed from Jerusalem (Education and Culture Ministry, Tourism Ministry, Central Office of Information, etc.).

A considerable expense, entertainers are hired or imported. They rush about from one "entertainment platform" to another, getting at villages, kibbutzim, moshavim, development towns in some national park or district amphitheatre or auditorium; or, say, a Jezreel Valley District Fair in Afula, and something similar in Safad or Nazareth for Upper Galilee, in Masat for Western Galilee, in Beersheba or Ofakim for the Northern Negev, etc.

Instead of a "central" Israel Prize ceremony which only a relatively small number of invited dignitaries and journalists get to see live the Hebrew University and some others may listen to over the radio or watch on television, let there be a Kibbutz Shmoneh Prize Ceremony, and another in Haifa, and a Huleh Valley Prize Ceremony, and a Judean Hills Prize Ceremony, and the Jezreel Valley Independence Day Prize, etc., for achievements in various fields.

This suggestion is not intended to lighten the burden of our central planners, quite the contrary; in the first few years that it is tried, it will tax their imagination and resourcefulness far more than our traditional Independence Day celebrations have done. Furthermore, it is likely to transpire that our people learn to celebrate themselves, they will also learn to celebrate their selves and their communities, and, as a result, begin to sense the night that Mr. Yadin admits is latent in them. And with their pride, the people may start moving our society towards some urgently needed changes in the quality of our social, cultural and political life.

OVERFLOW CROWD AT JNF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In reference to Judy Siegel's article, "Doot slams on VIPs at JNF birthday party" (January 9), may I explain that, though the hall was indeed overflowing with people, this was not because of 2,000 invitations being given out, but as a result of many people coming with families and friends to the party.

In spite of this, seats were reserved for the guests of the JNF and the doors were only closed to the public at 10:30 after the arrival of the President of Israel, Mr. E. Katzir, for obvious reasons.

We are deeply sorry if anyone was turned away and hope that our friends and supporters will understand the reasons which necessitated this move.

Spokesman of the JNF
Jerusalem, January 9.

UNFAIR TV REPORTAGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As the mother of one of the pupils of the 12th grade of Gymnasias Herzliya, which was shown on television's "Third hour" I feel it is my duty to protest against the way in which the school and the pupils were depicted and defamed.

As Dr. Yosef tried to explain, but was not fully allowed to do so on the commentator of the programme, this film was made during a whole year at the 12th grade of the Gymnasias. But what was shown to the Israeli public was only what was unfavourable. The film was supposed to be shown at the 70th celebration of the school, which it was not, and it is not fair to the school and the pupils to present only those parts of the documentary which were shown.

There were many nice features of

the students' daily school life which were filmed but none were shown. These included discussions, interesting classes, outings, trips and many other activities showing existing facts of daily life at the Gymnasias Herzliya.

I agree and admit that all the problems discussed at length (maybe too much length) on the programme are true, exist and should definitely be solved. I agree with many of the points raised by teachers, educators, parents and students. I am aware of what goes on in many high school classes including my daughter's own class, many aspects of which were shown yesterday. But only one side of the coin was shown, and this is not fair.

TEL AVIV, JANUARY 9.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS SILENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The state of the nation gives grounds for grave concern for, in the last resort, the success of the Zionist experiment depends on our conviction that the sacrifices it demands are worthwhile in terms of the society we are creating. The internal depravity — violence, corruption, crime — is more threatening than the enemy without.

As a religious Jew, I find it alarming and painful that Jews who belong to the "religious" camp —

products of a "religious" education are represented among the malpractitioners. This should make us reappraise Jewish educational methods and smother the arrogant claims that all we need is more of the same thing.

Even more remarkable is the absence of any stand by the religious leadership who seem quite unaware of reality: the Chief Rabbis, the religious parties, etc. are silent on this subject.

KENNETH L. COHEN
Jerusalem, January 5.



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